The gross demand for the year amounted to Rs. 1,19,255 as against Rs. 1,10,133 during the preceding year; the expenditure amounted to Rs. 29,535 against Rs. 32,814 in the previous year.

General.—There has been a steady improvement under all sources of income and a prominent feature this year has been the increase in the birth rate of cattle; the birth rate calculated on cows of calf-bearing age had declined from 41 per cent in 1916-17 to 20 per cent in 1924-25 but increased during the year to 39 per cent. No serious attempt has yet been made to reduce the number of animals reported as missing year by year; the number so reported this year being 341 as against 334 in 1924-25. Heavy arrears are still outstanding against the old servegars and energetic efforts should be made to collect them during the current year. The question of reorganising the Department with a view to improve its working is engaging the attention of Government.

Government are glad to note that the working of the Department shows progressive improvement and are pleased to place on record their appreciation of the services of Mr. Abdull Sherif, late Superintendent of the Amrit Mahal Department, who has retired during the current year after having been in charge of the Department for the past four years. During this period, there was marked improvement in the revenue of the Department.

C. RANGANATHA RAO SAHIB,
Secretary to Government,
Development Departments.

LOCAL AND LEGISLATIVE SECRETARIAT.

Rural Reconstruction.

READ—

Circular letter No. L. 1180-7—L. B. 51-26-1, dated 17th August 1926, calling for the opinion of the Deputy Commissioners of Districts regarding the basic principles to be kept in view in distributing the grant of Rs. 1,30,000 provided in the State Budget for 1926-27 under "30 Grants for Public Improvements—for Rural Reconstruction."

2. The opinions of the Deputy Commissioners received on the subject.

ORDER NO. L. 3305-13—L. B. 51-26-14, DATED 18TH NOVEMBER 1926.

Several principles have been suggested by the different Deputy Commissioners for adoption in connection with the distribution of the above grant. The question was also considered at the meeting of the Deputy Commissioners and Heads of Departments in June last. It was resolved therein that whatever the objects may be for which the grant is made to the Village Panchayets, it should be treated as an outright grant to them and that for the present a sum of Rs. 30,000 may be reserved to meet the charges on account of Panchayets Inspectors and Clerks to be attached to the Amildars for work connected with the Village Panchayets and the balance may be placed at the disposal of the Deputy Commissioners to be distributed among Panchayets which stand in need of financial help to start with.

Government accept the above view and are pleased to direct that the balance of Rs. 1,00,000 remaining after the above reserve be distributed as follows:—

Mysore	Rs.	20,000
Kolar and Bangalore	,,	13,000 each
Hassan	,,	10,000
Kadur	,,	8,000 and
The remaining 3 districts	,,	12,000 each

Separate orders will issue regarding the appointment of Panchayet Inspectors and Clerks referred to above.

The Deputy Commissioners are requested to ascertain the needs of the several Panchayets, through the Amildar and Deputy Amildar concerned and distribute the amount placed at their disposal among them according to the circumstances of each case and to the extent that may conveniently be found possible.

A report showing the action taken and how the amount is distributed may be submitted for the information of Government at the end of February 1927.

B. NAGAPPA,
Secretary to Government,
Local and Legislative Departments.

Report on the Working of the Stamp Department.

READ—

Letter No. Per. 31—25, dated 1st October 1926, from the Commissioner of Stamps, forwarding a report on the working of the Stamp Department, for the year 1925-26.

ORDER No. FL. 4095-104—ST. 15-26-3, DATED 26TH NOVEMBER 1926.

The total receipts from Stamps and the expenditure during the year under report were Rs. 20,81,944 and Rs. 1,96,201, respectively, against Rs. 20,32,361 and Rs. 1,70,754 during the previous year. The increase in revenue is mainly under Court Fee Stamps and it is reported to be due to a larger number of suits filed. The income from Receipt Stamps, Copy Stamps and stamp duty, fines, etc., has also improved. There was a small decrease in the income from the sale of General Stamps, Hundi, Share transfer, Foreign Bill and Notarial Stamps. What this reduction is due to requires investigation. The increase in expenditure is chiefly under "Refunds."

2. It is reported that during the year under review, almost all the offices and courts were inspected either by the Deputy Commissioners or by the *ex-officio* Inspectors of Stamps and that the Commissioner of Stamps inspected Six District Treasuries and nine Taluk Treasuries.

3. Out of a total demand of Rs. 57,978 on account of institution fees awarded to Government in pauper suits, a sum of Rs. 8,496 was recovered from the parties, a sum of Rs. 2,975 was written off the accounts as irrecoverable, leaving a balance of Rs. 46,507, yet to be recovered. The amount outstanding is large and the Deputy Commissioners of Districts should be requested to arrange for its prompt recovery.

4. During the year, the stock of stamps and water-marked papers in the Central Depot and, also in the Stamp Manufactory was verified by the Assistant Commissioner, Dodballapur Sub-Division as per Government Order No. Fl. 5244-51—G. F. 63-24-15, dated 11th March 1926.

B. NAGAPPA,
Secretary to Government,
Local and Legislative Departments.

GENERAL SECRETARIAT.

Issue of Broadcast Receiver Licenses.

READ—

Government Order No. G. 2757-806—P. P. 111-24-2, dated 27th October 1925, authorising the Director of Industries and Commerce to receive applications for Broadcast Receiver Licenses in the State and forward to Government for orders cases in which he is of opinion that the applicant may be granted the license.

2. Correspondence ending with letter No. G. 148—C. S., dated the 16th August 1926, from the Director of Industries and Commerce on the above subject.

ORDER No. G. 4843-85—P. P. 72-25-18, DATED 12TH NOVEMBER 1926.

In the letter read above, the Director of Industries and Commerce has pointed out the necessity to arrange for the issue of Broadcast Receiver Licenses in the State on the same terms as in British India. Government agree with him and direct that in modification of the Government Order read above he may issue broadcast receiver licenses on payment of a fee of Rs. 10 per annum, of which a sum of Rs. 8 will accrue to the licensee of the Broad Casting Company. The forms of the license and applications for license are annexed to this order.

A statement of disposal of applications for licenses should be submitted for the information of Government at the end of each quarter.

M. SESHADRI,
For *General Secretary to Government.*